

Five in a row for Blues

**Oxford City 1,
Wycombe W 2**

A GOAL four minutes from time by guest player Gary Harthill continued Wycombe Wanderers' 100 per cent record in the Shaw and Kilburn League on Monday evening, when the Blues recorded their fifth successive win at the expense of Oxford City (writes Stuart Earp).

Harthill, who made quite a name for himself two years ago as Chalfont St Peter's leading marksman, had a short spell with Slough before joining Tring Town. Small and nippy, he took the goal well to earn Wycombe's win but overall had a tough time against an uncompromising City defence.

Wanderers had already beaten a side containing mostly Oxford's reserves at Loakes Park earlier in the season 2-1. So this latest success gives them the double but they could have

found little satisfaction in their performance.

Oxford never allowed them time or space to build attacks while some of the Wycombe players looked disinterested, the forwards, in particular, failed to make much impression on a mediocre defence while both sides showed a liking for the back pass which brought cries of derision from the sparse crowd.

The home side went ahead mid-way through the first half. Keith Mead gave away a free kick and Andy Glass drove in a shot past the defensive wall. The ball bounced off John Maskell's chest to Paul Mackay who crossed for Paul Dallaway to beat Richard Strong on the line.

Tony Horseman made a hash of a five yard chance after 35 minutes while Wycombe were frequently trapped offside before the break. Within four minutes of the second half,

however, they were on level terms. City's offside tactics blew up as Horseman sent Derek Harris racing through and as goalkeeper Steve Mayhew dithered, Harris coolly lobbed the ball into the net.

Oxford continued to take the game to the Blues, who, despite the equaliser, were unable to produce anything like the best football on a poor surface.

Harthill drove just wide from a Howard Kennedy cross and a draw looked on the cards until the 86th minute when Harris laid fine ball through the defence to Harthill. The little winger who did well to control and then fire a low drive in the far corner of the net.

OXFORD: S. Mayhew; M. Allan, R. Evans, B. Tucker, A. Glass; P. Buck, M. Boyland (sub K. Uzzell 60 mins), S. Massey; P. Mackay (sub P. Selby 68 mins), P. Dallaway, T. Moxam.

WYCOMBE: J. Maskell; R. Davies, K. Mead, R. Strong, F. Quraishi; G. Mackenzie, R. Day, M. Holifield; A. Horseman (sub H. Kennedy, 69 mins), D. Harris, G. Harthill. Sub P. Birdseye (not used).

Referee: D. Crosby.

Half-time: 1-0. Goalscorers, Oxford — Dallaway (29), Wycombe — Harris (49), Harthill (86).